CURRENT CAPITAL TOPICS.

Report of the Judge-Advocate General.

The Meeting of the Cabinet Vesterday-Se-Legislation Against Gambling by fice Rumors-Bank-Note Paper Proposals.

The Cabinet Yesterday.

The Cabinet Yesteriday.

At the Cabinet meeting yesterday all the Departments of the Government were represented by their respective heads, except the Interior Department, which, owing to the absence of Secretary Schurz in Boston, was represented by Assistant Secretary Bell. There was no business transacted beyond the ordinary routine. Secretary Schurz returned last night, and on Friday it is probable all the heads of Departments will be at the Cabinet meeting for the first time in several months.

Bank-Note Paper.

After a careful examination of the subject, the Souretary of the Treasury has determined the Secretary of the Treasury has determined to call, by public advertisement, for proposals for furnishing bank-note paper upon which to print United States notes, national-bank notes, and other securities of the Government. The selvertisement will call for a distinctive paper, and for a device or devices which can be pinced upon the paper that may be used, and which, if adouted, will become the exclusive property of the Government.

Imports and Exports.

From the monthly statement of the Chief
the Bursen of Statistics to the Secretary of the Treasury the excess of exports over im

Follows:

Month ended September 20, 1872. \$13,268,203

Month ended September 30, 1872. \$2,022,267

Note mouths ended September 80, 1873. \$20,022,267

Nine months ended September 80, 1878. \$20,130,487

The excess of imports over exports of gold and silver (cotn and bullion) appears to have been as follows:

Mouth ended September 20, 1877. \$25,872

The excess of exports over imports of gold and silver (coin and bullion) during the nine months ended September 30, 1877, amounted to \$24,706,780; but the excess of imports over exports of gold and silver (coin and bullion) during the nine months ended September 30, 1878, amounted to \$321,000.

Arguments in the Supreme Court.

K.S. C. Robertson vs. Cease; error to the Circuit Court for the Western District of Texas. This is an action upon a promisery note, and the question perhantly presented is of jurisdiction—whether the residence of the plaintiff in Illinois is sufficiently shown to that the Padwal court intelliging in an action to the Padwal court intelliging in an action. or jurisdiction—watcher the residence of the plaintiff in lilinois is sufficiently shown to give the Foderal court jurisdiction in an action against arcitizen of Texas. The plaintiff in error maintains that it is not the only description of him in this respect, being: "The petition of, &c., who resides in the county of Misson, and State of Illinois," and that this is not enough, as there is nothing in the sentence to negative the idea that the defendant in error is a clision of Texas and temporarily residence is said to be insufficient; if must appear affirmatively. If the court agree with this view, and the decision below is reversed, then the question will be whether the action was barred by the statute of limitations, deducting the time of the existence of the war, which in Texas has been decided to have been from April 19, 1661, to August 20, 1806. H. E. Paine and B. F. Grafton for plaintiff in error and P. Phillips and W. H. Phillips for defendant.

live with rumors of changes, based upon the dwent of the new Commissioner of Patents, Squeezi halbert E. Palne, whe is expected to secure Halbert E. Palne, whe is expected to assume the duties of the office on Friday. It is not at all probable that General Palne has indicated, or will indicate, what he proposes to do before he enters upon the discharge of uncert was not gentime, I was anklous to appear to do before he onters upon the discharge of the duties of his office, or that he will permit any other person to bleck out his work for him; but that makes but little difference with Madame Rumor, whe rather takes advantages of his science to makiply her own stories. This garrulous old lady has, among other changes, the control of the form of his science to makiply her own stories. This garrulous old lady has, among other changes, the control of his connection with my family, that led no office, and a control of his permit chief Clerk Seeley to the grindple examination of the control of the being and appointed several gentlemen is place of Mr. Beleon; among them Mr. Hobson. The same and papolitized several gentlemen is place of Mr. Beleon; or rely Chief Clerk of the Pension Bureau. This old lady has also most settlement of the pension Bureau. This old lady has also most settlement of the pension Bureau. This old lady has also most summarily removed the efficient Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Doolitie, and, as in the scher case, put several gentlemen in his place, as most settlement of the pension Bureau. The same authority has under sundry changes in the minor positions, atterly ignoring civil-service reform, and in some cases even common propriety. Or course there is not a shadow of foundation for all those stories beyond the idea of their originators that such should be the case. It is not improbable that some changes may be made, but what they will be, and when they will be made, has not probably been determined upon even by the incomine head of the literature of the foundation for all those stories beyond the literature of the literature of the foundation for all those stories beyond the literature of the literature of the foundation for the literature of the foundation for but what they will be, and when they will be made, has not probably been determined upon even by the incoming head of the Burean himself.

Judge-Advocate-General's Report.

The annual rejort of Brigudier-General W. spaint Synber is not in regard to any division gainst Synber is not in regard to any division.

general courts-martial, this number being less
than that of the previous year, the number
of convictions of soldiers for desertion and of
sefficers for sorious offenses being also less. On

To the Editor of the National Equilibrium: efficers for serious offenses being also less. On the other hand, the number furnished (1.030)

of prosecution for all offenses except murder. In the same connection the Judge Advocate-General suggests that a proclamation be issued by the President announcing a waiver of prosecution of all descriers who originally alsenticed themselves at periods more than five years prior to January 1, 1879, thus justly relieving this class from the dread and danger of arrest and prosecution for an offense for which, according to the Atorney-General and the Judge Advocate-General, they are no longer amenable to the military jurisdiction.

2. That the bill reported at the last seasion by the Scanet Committee on Military Affairs, making gambiling an offense punishable by the military as it now is by the naval code, be favored by the Secretary of War and its passage by Congress urged.

3. That a defect in the one hundred and fourth Article of War, relative to the approval of court-martial proceedings, be removed by legislation, as initiated by the Military Committee of the Seante at the last session.

4. That the seventy-second Article of War be amended by striking out the word "general," so that department commanders of whatever rank may be authorized to convene general courts-martial; the limiting of the authority to general, when such officers are so few in number, being found embarrasing to the due administration of military justice.

The Nes Perce Indians.

The New Perce Indiana. Commissioner Hays, of the Indian Buresu, a returned from his trip to the Indian Terriory, whither he went to adjust the troubles of the Nes Petre Indians in relation to their location in that Territory, the land on which they are located being complained of as unsuitable for cultivation. During his visit to the Territory he was accompanied by Chief Joseph, who so long successfully einded the pursuit of General Howard. Mr. Hayt speaks of Joseph in high terms as an intelligent and grutemantly Indian, who has a high civilization for one of his race, and conducts himself with as much propriety in his daily intercourse as a white man. The lodians have some grounds for complaint, but the Commissioner believes all will be satisfactorily adjusted through the endeavors of Joseph.

Left Out in the Cold.

Another blunder in the legislation of the last session was brought to light yeaterday by the application of the Post-Office to the State the application of the Post-Office to the State Department for copies of the new edition of the Revised Statutes, under the act of March 182, 1878, when it was found that, while every other Department of the Government had been provided for the Postal Department had been omitted in the bill entirely. No serious difficulty will artse, however, as the Department can purchase copies of the State Department, and it will only be the Government paying the Government. At the same time it will enable the postal efficials better to appreciate the system of requiring other Departments to purchase of it their official postage stamps.

Capitol and Departmental Notes. Gold was quoted yesterday at 100%. Subscriptions to the 4 per cent. loan yester ay amounted to \$330,000.

day amounted to \$338,000.

Dr. H. S. Taft, of Merquette, Mich., has been appointed an acting assistant surgeon in the United States Marine Hospital Service.

M. Kimbrough, Philip F. Langenour, D. P. Aligood, A. B. Buther, and S. A. Barkley have been appointed internal revenue storekeepers and gaugers in the sixth collection district of North Carolina.

ABNATOR BARNUM CORNERED

im Anderson After His Share of Sypher

The notorious Jim Anderson has made an other statement supplemental to his Indianap olis interview and confirming the statement it contained. From this latest statement th it contained. From this latest statement the following extracts are made, charging Senator Barmum, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, with having paid money to J. R. Sypher, Anderson's atterney, for precuring Anderson's testimony. These extracts are also of interest as an authoritative exposure of Anderson's connection with the Past-erior organ of the Democratic area.

derson's connection with the Past-erico organ of the Democracy;

When I found that the letter which had been represented as the original Sherman decument was not gentine, I was anxious to appear before the committee, and it was nothing selected by the committee, and it was nothing selected by the committee, and it was nothing in the committee and it was nothing in the committee and it was nothing in the committee with the committee and it was nothed to without a trace has been no inducement held out now for me to offer any explanation. I see it is being asserted that I was paid large sums for my evidence. There is not a word of truth in it. I have never received any money from the committee without mittees with Democratic managern, and never made sny stipulation that I should be paid. There was only one thing that I did sait, when testifying before the committee, and that was that I I lest my place on the North American, at Philadalphia, through the position I had taken, some office should be found for me sether I should not be left slingether without that I should not be left slingether without mans of support. The committee very readity made the pledge, and the way they kept it was by offering me a place as proof reader entire Washington Fast, with long hours and small salary. Several weeks after I had lost my post ion on the North American, I received a measage, through my sister, from Sypher, to the effect that he had induced the Potter committee to make me up a proper statement of the lost had withstaned, bus I

Judge-Advocate-General's Reports
The annual report of Brigudier-General W.
M. Duna, Judge-Advocate-General of the
army, to the Secretary of War is a succinct and
interesting paper. In detailing the business
of the Bureau of Military Justice it states that
since the last report there have been received
and raylowed at the Bureau 1,563 records of

smeet for serious ofteness being also less. On the other hand, the author furnished (1,000) of official reports and opinions on questions of law referred by the Secretary of War to the Yanga-Advocate-General, as law effect of the War Dopartment, is ever two hundred greater than that in the year preceding. Attention is invited to the recommendations of Generals Sherman and Hancock that a line of promotion be established in the europe of Judge-Advocates in the other staff corps.

The hope is expressed that the reduction of the circuit force of the bureau made at the last ression of Congress will not be continued. The report concludes with four specific excommendations.

I. That the bill introduced by Senator Maroy, and which passed the Senate at the last coston. It is given by the contract of all utilities affined in the procedure, and be recommended by the Security of this country are not to the procedure of the procedure of the contraction of the procedure of the procedure of the contraction of the procedure of the contrac SIR : Our county souvention met October 2: and made the fullowing nominations for county

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

Their Political Status in the State Elections.

light to Vate Sustained by the Highest Legs as Attorneys-General-Decision to the State Courts-Voting Here No Bar.

Important to Government Officials.

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In the interest of many clerks in the employ of the General Government in this city, who, owing to the closucess of the contest in the coming election is some of the districts, are liable to have their right of franchise questions.

coming election in some of the districts, are liable to have their right of franchise questioned by Democratic judges and inspectors, the following authorities and opinions upon the subject, some of which have heretofore appeared in our columns, are reproduced:

It has generally been considered that persons appointed to public effice under the authority of the United States, and taking up their residence in Weshington for the purpose of executing the duties of such office, do not thereby, while engaged in the service of the Government, lose their domicile in the place where they before resided, unloss they, on removing there, intend to make Washington their permanent residence. It is a question which has been legally determined by the courts in several States, and upon which opinions have been given by the most seminent legal talent of the country.

In many cases actual residence is not indispensable to retain a domicile after is once acquired, but is retained anies sole by the mere intention not to change it. [See Judge Parker, Atherton vs. Thornton, Starry's Conflict of Laws, 39, 455; Pickering's Report 377; Howard College vs. Gove. Thompson's Digest, D. C. Massachusetts Reports, vol. 17, on domicile, &c. OFINIONS OF WEBSTER AND CLAY.

It was held by persons of no less eminence and logal ability than Daniel Webster and logal shifty than Daniel Webster and for the elective franchies in the numicipal affoirs of the elective franchies in the municipal affoirs of the elective franchies in the municipal affoirs of the right to voto for President in State where they had resided and had their residence.

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pair their right to vote in a resident in States where they had resided and had their residence.

JEREMIAR S. LLACK,
ex-Attorney-General, in response to a letter to him upon the subject while he was Attorney General, gave an opinion, in which he held that a person who leaves his residence or place of domicile and assumes the duties of a Federal officer at Washington, "miner recertails," the original rusidence continues in law, and that even the exercise of the frauchise at the mere charier election, of Washington for municipal officers, is not that exercise of the frauchise at the place of domicile upon appointment to Federal office, and does not impair the right to vote at general elections in his State to Judge Wright and other Indianians to their town and county officers in the fall of 1888, and the right of the clerks to vote at the State election, because of voting to Washington for municipal officers, was no longer questioned.

The following decisions and references have a direct bearing upon the question:

A person who concrete to Washington, and holds a public office there, does not thereby lose his domicile in the place of his former residence, unless to finonde to permanently reads in Vashington, A NEW RAMFARIMA CASE.

In the case of Atherton vs. Thornton, N. H. Reps., vol. 8, page 178, 1, was withinted to events.

inn.—[See Glichritz Higest, bage 103, 2d par.]

In the case of Atherton va. Thornton, N. H. Reps., vol. 8, page 173, it was submitted to evidence that defeudant Thornton) rasided with his family and had his domicile in Merrimac, county of Hillishoro, previous to July, 1830, when he was appointed to an office in the Treasury Department of the United States, and went to the city of Washington, and in November following he removed his wife and one child (leaving one with his mother at Merrimac) to Washington, where he lived in a hired house until the summer of 1831, when, in consequence of the ill health of his wife, she and the child returned to his house in Merrimac, and there boarded with his mother. On the let of October, 1831, the defendant (Thornton) went he Merrimac, and one 22d of November, eame your, returned to Washington with his mother, and expensed the washington with his mother, where they have the went to Newton, Coun, where they remained until September, 1832, whom they returned to Washington, and his wife and children went to Newton, Coun, where they remained until September, 1, 1833, when they returned to Washington, and he again commenced housekeeping there. In April, 1834, his family returned to Marhington during this time.

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FITZ-JOHN PORTER'S CASE.

Associated Press Reports of Proceedings. New York, Oct. 20.—At the opening of the meeting of the board of investigation in the Fits-John Porter case, General Schofield read the dispatches which have recently passed be-tween him and General Pope with reference to the appearance of the latter as a witness. The declined to order General Pope either to ap-pear or not to appear, and that Pope declined to attend unless subpensed. Before reading one of the dispatches from Pope General Schofield said that the Judge-Advocate, in reading the dispatch from Pope of the 21st at the meet-ing of the 24th instant without authority of the beard, had acted improperly, and that se much of the record as contained it must be stricken out.

much of the record as contained it must be strickes out. This gave rise to an excited protest and reply, which the president declined to receive except in writing, the Judge-Advocate insisting that, as he had been publicly consured, he had a right to publicly protest, and demanded to know whether General Schoffeld spoke for himself alone or for the board. At the end of a long interval, during which the room was cleared, the matter was shown to be a misunderstanding, arising from the Judge-Advocate not knowing that the dispatch in question was meant for his private information.

information was means as the present information.

This was followed by long arguments for and against further action by the board to secure General Pope's attendance, and this room was cleared for consultation.

On the opening of the doors the president said that the board decided that, insanuch as General Pope refused to come unless subpounced by one side or the other, and the Freedomt would not order him, the board had exhausted its power, and did not deem it expedient to attempt to take further action in the matter to obtain his attendance.

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obtain his attendance.

A discussion followed with regard to the admission of documentary evidence, which Porter's counsel claimed was necessary, since they could not get Pope's personal testimony on points which, they said, would show that officer's inconsistencies between his evidence at the court-martial and his official documents on file in the War Department. The documents will be submitted to-morelyw, the Judge-Advocate objecting in advances to their reception by the board, Adjourned.

THE YELLOW PEPER.

e New Cases and Deaths Still Reports soveries, leaving twenty-six cases now under

coveries, leaving twenty at the twenty-treatment.

CHATTANOOGA, Oct. 29.—For the twenty-four hours ending at four p. m. to-day three deaths—Hon. Thomas J. Carlile, Mayor E. Schlessinger, and a negro; new cases, 3, twe negroes. Porter D. Rose, who went to Stevenson, Ala., as a nurse, died there this morning of yellow fever. The weather is cold and rainy to-day.

MEMPHIA, Oct. 29.—The board of health of acidly reported four deaths to-day from yellow

were new.

Baton Rouge, Oct. 29.—New cases, 13;
deaths, 1.

Vicksburg, Oct. 29.—One death.
DELTA, Oct. 29.—One death.
Jackson, Miss., Oct. 29.—New cases, 16;
deaths, 4.

JACKSON, MISS., Oct. 20.—New cases, 16: deaths, 4.
PABIS, Oct. 29.—The total amount of the subscriptions here for the relief of yellow fever sufferors in the United States is \$24,000, of which sum \$10,000 were contributed through Mr. Noyes, the American Minister.

Railroad Sinking Fund Scheme.
PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20.—In March last the stockholders of the Secondary Secondary.

tookholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company adopted a funding scheme, having for its object the purchase, from time to time, of the bonds and shares of other companies which are guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Parker holding that the domicile which Thoraton had acquired at Merrimac had been retained, notwithstanding his personal residence with his family in Washington.

THE SAME DECISION IN OUIO.

Also the case reported in the Court of Common Pleas of Belmont County, Strate of Ohio—Cunningham Hazlett vs. Jacob Hoover et al. The plaintiff was a disburaing officer in the office of the Auditor of the Pennsylvania Company, and also of the bonded the office of the Auditor of the Pennsylvania Company in such form as the directors shall deem for the beautiffer of the Auditor of the Pennsylvania Company. A meeting of the form as the directors which deem for the beautiffer of the Auditor of the Pennsylvania Company. A meeting of the directors was held yesterday for the purpose of taking action in the matter, but the details will not be made public until after the 1st proximo.

oblo, where he resided prior to removing to Washington. He affered his ballot at the October election of 1885 and it was refused on the ground of non-residence. Suit was instituted against the judges of election for damages. In the providence of the prior of of the pri

in 1870, also, Edward Hodges, then a clerk in the interior Department, was refined to register at his home is Michigan He brought in action for farmages and recovered a work of the following on a fourney of inspection, extending In the case of Jones vs. the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 2 Jones Pa Reports). Chief-Justice Gibson, need the whole influed to the whole island. He went sense to be residing said.

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MORNING NEWS BY CABLE.

Lord Beaconsfield in a Critical Condition.

lous Apprehensions in Loudon-A Specia Cabinet Session Held.-The War Cloud Darkening in the East - Russia Growing More Threatening-Hustile Movement of Res Troops, &c., &c., &c.

New Youn, D. L. 25.—A London special says: The air is heavy concerning the illness of "The air is heavy concerning the illness of Lord Beaconsfield. The long strain made on his mental powers, not only in the matter of the Berlin treaty, but in carrying on a more or less acrimentous warfare with Mr. Gladstone, has seriously undermined his constitution. In this critical state of things the Cabinet has been summened to consider what should be done to case of his lordship's death. It's now known that after the last meeting of the Cabinet he was attacked by an epileptic fit, which went he was attacked by an epileptic fit, which went he was attacked by an epileptic fit, which went he was attacked by an epileptic fit, which went full career of this remarkable man. "So severe was the attack that it was feared his life would be endaugered if he were immediately removed. He was therefore compelled to remain for several hours in a waiting room at Hugonden before it was considered and to remain for several hours in a waiting room at Hugonden before it was considered and to remain for several hours in a waiting room at ling and the head feare of fatal results from the fatigue of this means of transfer him to his carriage, for his illustrious patient."

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port. The medical man has been criticized for not ordering an invalid carriage for his illustrious patient."

"The bulletin received in this city this morning aunounces that Lord Beaconsfield is in better leadth and rapidly railying toward his former state of health. A good deal of anxiety, however, prevails on the subject.

THE REALIN TREATY A FAILURE.
LONDON, Oct. 29.—The Pall Mall Guestle editorially declares that the treaty of Berlin is a failure; that it will be impossible to arrive at a pusific solution on its lines, and that the sooner this fact is recognized the better. "Peace," it says, "must be commanded by commanding the arrest of the reckless power which has kept Europe in commanded by communding the arrest of the reckless power which has kept Europe in consument of years past, and now threatens to break away from all law and all restraint. If this is only to be done in concert—and concert is a give-and-take matter, for the benefits of which all parties must pay something—it follows that we should not shrink from any price in reason."

ENGLAND DUECTS ATENTION TO TURKEY.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—A dispatch to the Timer from Victums says: "England has confidentially directed the attention of Assaria to the serious aspect of affairs in Turkey, but has not yet made a direct attempt to bring about common action by the Powers, atthough the has brought forward the matter individually at St. Potersburg.

RUSSI ASKED TO EXPLAIN.

CONYANTNOPLE, Oct. 30.—The Porte has

brought forward the matter individually at St. Petersburg."

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CONSTANTINOPLE. Det. 28.— The Porte has saked Frince Labanof te explain the roturn of the Russian troops to the positions recently exacuted by them, and also the refusal to reinstate the Turkish authorities in the district between Tehoriou and Adrianople.

Sixty thousand Russians have entered Rommelia by way of Bourgas.

PREPARING TO STAY IN ROUMANIA.

LONDON, Oct. 50.—A Constantinople dispatch to the Trace says: "According to advices from Kustendji no signs are wishle there of Rusmanian occupation of the Dobridscha. The Russians seem preparing to prolong their stay."

stay."

A FRESH WAR NECESSARY.

Sr. Perkashung, Oct. 20.—The Golor says if the Rustan people were consulted they would unhesitatingly decide for a renewal of the struggle. Despite the expedients of diplomacy to arrest the natural course of historical development, it is evident that the inevitable crisis in the Exstere question has arrived. There is no apparent prospect of completing the organization of the Balkan pointsula on a basis of humanity and justice without a fresh war.

MAIL.

A MOVEMENT TOWARD APPLIANTERAN.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—A Berlin dispatch reporthat the Russian General Locakine has startern those of the Caspina Sea it the direction of Mers, near the northern frost let of Afghanistan—one account says to put ish marsuding inhabitants.

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Ald To Arouanistan.

The German St. Petersburg Gasette says rumors are persistently current that the government has decided to offer active assistance to Shore Al. Many volunteers are preparing to start for Afghanistan. The same paper states that by order of the High Admirral ito torpedo boats have been distributed among 61 war ships.

BEITIEL PROPERTY.

ships.

SIMLA, Oct. 29.—Orders have been issued for the collection of stores and transports for 20,000 wen at Peshawur.

THE RECORD OF BROTAL has offered to place her army at the disposal of England.

England.

ANOTHER LETTER TO THE AREKE.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—The Simis correspondent
of the Daily News understands that the home
authorities have decided that another communication shall be addressed to the Ameer,
setting forth explicitly the consequences of a
refusal to admit the British mission. The
former emissary of the Viceroy, who has just
left Simia, probably bears the ultimatum.

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Falled TO ORGANIZE A CABINET.

VIRNA, Oct. 49.—Baren Von Pretis Coguodo has teudered the Emperor his resignation
of the task of forming a Cabinet.

SOURHOUS FOUND GULTY.

LONDON, Oct. 29.—The coroner's investiga

has decided to bring forward very shortly after the meeting of the Cortes a test question, de-

has decided to bring forward very shortly after the meeting of the Cortes a test question, defeat on which would compel the resignation of the Cabinet. The government, however, is confident of a majority.

MADHE, Oct. 29.—The Cabinet Council, under the presidency of the King, to day discussed for several hours the condition of the Catalonian work nearly associations. Dispatches have been exchanged with Paris, Vienna, Berlin, and Rome, with a view to common legislation against Socialism.

THE UDODY KING OF DAHOMEY.
LONDON, Oct. 29.—Intelligence has been received from Whydah, West Coast of Africa under date of September 26, that the Portuguese commandant and seven soldiers are held captive by the King of Dahomey, who makes them parado before him daily. The King has recommenced the grand enation of human serifices. Five hundred pursons have been slaughtered in one meath.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatre Comique. A person who cannot find amusement t

Washington must have a very sour temper Managers Budd and O'Neill, of the Comique, have succeeded in bringing their theatre up to such a standard that it is numbered among the very best variety theatres in the country the very best variety theatres in the country. This week a programme is presented which is faultiess. Perry and Magrew, the long and short team, give a very funny exhibition, which always brings down the house. Mise Fannte V. Reynolds, the operatic vocalist; Alice Gilmore, the accomplished song and dance lady; the Parker sisters, who have no superiors as song and dance artists, and the Moore sisters aid in making up a most entertaining olio. The singing of the Moore sisters is of a time order. The Livingston brothers and John Murtz, the gymnasts are as good as were ever seen here. Jake Bodd's sketch of "Big Foot Wallace," which became popular when formerly presented, is repeated, and has been improved so as to make it more comitate even than before. The performance concluders with a sensational drama entitled "Dead to the World," in which Mr. Sid. C. France takes the loading roles and is supported ably by Mr. thorge A. Parkhurst, H. P. Williams, John Robinson, Miss Jonnie Parker, Miss Fannie May, and the other members of the regular company.

National Theatre—Kuglish Opera—"Fra Di-This week a programme is presented which i

National Theatre-English Opera-"Fra Di

The Hess English Opers Company presented "Fra Diavolo" most succeptably last evening. The cast provided for the occasion embraced nearly all of the best and most capable settists at present congregated under the management of Mr. Hess. Next to the "Chimes of Normals". mandy," "Fra Diavolo" ranks as the best

mandy," "Fra Diavolo" ranks as the best performance of the present opera season. Miss Montague's vocal and personal charms showed to great advantage in her role of Zectlin. Mr. Castle's Pra Diarolo rises supersembent among cotemporary impersonations of that character, and his effort of last evening was in kind. Lord Alicash and Lady Alleach were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Seguin with traditional excellence. Mr. Tunar was the best Lorenzo we have seen in many years. Bypo and Giocois were represented by Mesers. Ryse and Warren with great spirit. "Mignon" will be given this ovening, with Miss Abbott, Miss Montague, Mrs. Seguin, Mr. Castio, and Mr. Ryse in the cast.

Ole Bull's farewell Concert.
Ole Bull's farewell concert, to be given at Lincoln Hall to-night, will present strong attractions for lovers of flus music. At a faretractions for lovers of this music. At a fare-well performance at the Philadelphia Academy of Music. Monday night Mr. Bull played before an andience of 5,000 people, proving that he is now even more popular than ever. Mr. Bull will be assisted this evening by Miss fashed Stone, or floation, a vocalist who has made the most favorable impression everywhere: Mr. McCarroc, one of the most accomplished soprano singers of this city, and others. A fine programme in a been arranged, including Pietro Navdine's "Sonata" by Ole Bull, and a composition of his own, entitled "Cantabile Delerose of Honde Glocoso." A specially attractive performance will be Bragos "Angels Stoneased," with volin obligate in the distance, by Miss Stone and Ole Bull. The seats, which are being sold at Metaerott's, have been disposed of rapidly, and the audience will undoubtedly be large.

Ford's Opera-House—Rente's Minstrels.

The excellent entertainment given by Mme Renta's famed Minstrel Company and Mabel Santley's Burlesque Troupe, at Ford's Opera-House, is attracting large audiences. A matine will be given this afternoon, and to night' performance will close their engagemen

GOVERNOR SHEPHERD

His Serious Illness of Pneumonia. The announcement will be received with general regret by the citizens of the Distric general regret by the citizens of the District that ex-Governor Shephord is quite ill at his country residence, Bleak House, of pneumonta. He had two physicians in attendance upon him during the day yesteritay, although his symp-toms are not regarded with alarm. He will at best be confined to his house for several days. He has not been in the city since Sat-urday lask.

One of Our Volunteer Nurs The Memphis Appeal makes acknowledgments to Mr. J. D. Usell, of this city for valuable services during the apidemic: "Mr. Usell LONDON, Oct. 29.—An unit of Edward Payson
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Renta's Minstrole at the Opera House last night Daring the performance one of them produced

A STIR IN CHICAGO.

Difficulty Between Messrs. Bangs and Thomson.

ne District Attorney Throws Suspicion on His Assistant—The Responsibility for the Act Repudlated by Secretary Sherman, who Indorses Thom-son—Attorney-General's

The Public Building Investigation.
Chicago Oct. 29.—The United States grand
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lury has been in session some days investigating alleged frauds in the construction of the Government building in this city. The investigation grew out of a confidential report made in the Secretary of the Treasury, by the collector of this port, who was assisted by Assistant District-Attorney Thomsou. The case was presented to the jury by District-Attorney Rangs, who gave as a reason for the exclusion from the Jury room of Thomsou, the officer thoroughly familiar with the fact, that he had treedwed indirect instructions to do so. As he said the Attorney-General was not concerned in 15, that inference was drawn that it must have been ordered by order of the Secretary of the Treasury or sum one in his Department. The statement being brought to the attention of Secretary Sherman, in denied in the most emphatic manner that he had any ageocy in the exclusion of Thomson, and said that it was on the strength of a report made by him that the case was before the jury. He also said he should call the attention of Attorney-General Devenue to the matter at once. This decided action of Secretary Sherman has increased the excitance in a unpleasant predicament.

THE TRIP OF THE CHAMBERS.

The Small Towns Suffering from Hunger. Sr. Louis, Oct. 29.—The institual relief beat Chambers arrived this morning. The officers and crew are all well. Lieutenant Hall says the suffering of the people in little towns on the river bank and a few miles back is very great, and demands immediate attention. In some places he ways the people are almost stary-ing, food being very scarce and crops very want. The people was be easily reached now, quarantine being raised.

The Fire Record.

Baltimong, Mp., Oct. 22.—The refluery of the Consolidated Oil Company, No. 2, at Causton, formerly Brown & Hamill's, was burned this afternoon, Robert Dinsmore, William mith, and Stephen L. Brown, employees, were burned to death. The building and machinery, valued at \$7,030, with 1,250 barrels of oil, were totally destroyed. The fire was caused by the

totally destroyed. The fire was caused by the axplasion of a gasoline still.

Clavinaari, Oct. 20.—J. H. DeGlow's tancery at Covington, Ky., was burned this morning. Lose settuated at \$15,000. No. insurance, Y.Caxron, D. T., Oct. 29.—A fire early this morning destroyed Peter Steffin's sale and livery stable, on Walmut street. Of thirty borses that were in the stable when the fire broke out but thirtons were saved. Two of the horses burned were valuable stallions. The loss is estimated at \$5,000. Insurance, \$500. The fire was of incendiary origin.

The Army of the Tennessee.

INDIANAPOLES, Oct. 29.—The indications tomight are that the attendance at the meetings
of the twelfth annual reunion of the Society of of the twelfth annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee will be very large. Generals Stierman, Pape, Jeff. C. Davis, Hick-solooper, Sheridan, Dayton, Buell, Raum, and many other prominent officers are here or, on the way. The meeting will commence as the Metropolitan Theatre to-morrow, at ten o'clock. In the evening the address of welcome will be delivored by the mayor of the city and the sunual address by Colonel Vilas, of Wisconsia. On Wadnesday afternoon there will be excur-sions about and around the city. A banqual and the rondulding ceremonies will take place at the Bates House on Wodnesday evening.

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Evangelleni Educational Society.

New York, Oct. 29.—The au nual meeting of the Evangelleni Educational Society was held here this afternoon. The secretary's report showed the receipts for the year to have been \$20,201.05 and the expenditures \$15,001.52. The permanent fund amounts to \$19,000 cash, hesides estates valued at \$20,000. The following questions were opened for discussion: First—How may the ministry of our chair to e made to reach the people more off-ectually? Second—Should the society make any special offorts to fortify-jus students against present tendencies toward ritualism and nationalism? Third—What changes, if any, should be a note in the management of this acciety to give its work greater breadth and of diency?

Fami Afray.

PHILADELPHIA. Oct 29.—Daniel Archer, a hatter on Ridge arenno, was killed this afternoon by Harty Richmond, the minartel, who is under sugagement at the new National The are in this city. Lave this afternoon the two metals a sugary advantage that his city. met lu a saleon adjoining the theatre, and, after some words, Richmond picked up a pitcher and struck Archer on the head, felling him to the floor. Richmond, who was accommm to the noor. Richmond, who was accom-panied by two women, immediately left the asleon. When an attempt was made to lift Archer up, it was found that he was dead, Richmond, not knowing of the fatal result of the blow, returned to the theatre early this evoning to faidfil his sugagement and was ar-rested.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29 .- The following Congreedonal combinations were made here to greenonal constraints were made here to-night: Republican, 40th district, Thomas P. Bourke, combined anti-Tammany, sixth dis-trict, S.S. Cex. The following are the Con-greenonal combinations made in this city last night; Combined anti-Tammany and Repub-lican seventh district. Edwix Entstein, anti-Tammany, sixth district. Maurice Devices; Gromback, deventh Africks, Origin, 1977.

humany, exth district, Maurice Devries; Fromback, eleventh district, O Curtis Hoff-

Fill Appendix, they fried to induce a woman who was atting with them to drink. For this and other these mily conduct they had to leave the theatra. On the steps outside the two man began to failt desperately. Officer Daily strengted to arrest ling, but that worthy turned upon the efficiency of the steps of a failt desperately. Officer Daily strengted to arrest ling, but that worthy turned upon the efficiency of the steps of the steps of the strength of a tree thing, but that worthy turned upon the efficiency of the strength of the stren

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